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Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele Announces Appointment of Margaret Daun as Corporation Counsel

MILWAUKEE – Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele today announced the appointment of Margaret Daun as Corporation Counsel for Milwaukee County.

Ms. Daun comes to Milwaukee County with diverse experience in the public and private sectors, in both legal and administrative roles. Most recently, Ms. Daun was the Executive Director of the City of Milwaukee's 457(b) Deferred Compensation plan. In addition to managing the nearly \$1 billion 401(k)-styled retirement plan for the City of Milwaukee, Ms. Daun implemented an administrative overhaul, comprehensive Plan restructuring, a groundbreaking annual enrollment and elections process, and changes to the investment line-up that has resulted in a 20 percent increase in Plan participation and enabled millions in savings to participants. This plan was supported by the Mayor and Common Council, as well as affected employee groups.

Prior to managing the Plan, Ms. Daun was an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Milwaukee, advising the City's pension fund, serving as lead counsel in various complex litigation matters, and negotiating and analyzing multi-million dollar contracts.

Ms. Daun has also worked in private practice in Milwaukee and as an associate for global law firms White & Case, LLC (New York) and Winston & Strawn, LLP (Chicago), specializing in commercial litigation and financial regulatory matters.

"In Margaret, we have found a leader with the right combination of experience and passion that will build on the progress we've made in Milwaukee County," Milwaukee County Executive Abele said. "I know Margaret shares Milwaukee County's mission to think big in everything we do, and I'm confident her leadership will be an asset to the County team."

"It's been exciting to observe the energetic commitment of both the County Executive and County Board to Milwaukee County, its citizens and taxpayers over the past five years, but it's even more

exciting to have the opportunity to be a part of the team that will continue Milwaukee County's transformation into one of the most effective, efficient, and empowering governments in the country," Ms. Daun said. "I look forward to working with County Executive Abele, the County Board of Supervisors, and the excellent workforce at Milwaukee County in the coming years. I also feel fortunate to partner with Corporation Counsel staff to maintain and enhance the high quality legal services currently provided."

The county executive would also like to thank Colleen Foley for the tremendous job she's done over the last several months while serving in the interim role.

Background:

A graduate of Milwaukee Public Schools with bachelor's and master's degrees in Economics from Marquette University, Ms. Daun in 2003 received her juris doctor, *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Following law school, Ms. Daun spent a year as clerk to the Honorable Michael Kanne, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Ms. Daun is a member of the Wisconsin, Illinois, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Georgia, Ohio, and New York bars.

In addition to her impressive educational and professional qualifications, Ms. Daun is an active member of the Milwaukee community, serving on the Marquette University Business Administration Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Ms. Daun's appointment is made pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2) Wis. Stats and is subject to the confirmation of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Her anticipated start date is January 3, 2017.

A headshot is available [here](#).

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